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**RESPONSE**

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Sir:

In response to the Office Action of November 5, 2002, please amend the above identified application as follows:

**In the Claims**

Please cancel claims 21 through 25 without prejudice to applicant's continued prosecution of the retained claims.

89. (Amended) The apparatus of claim 87 wherein said applicator includes means for ejecting said cassette partially or entirely from said applicator.

101. (Amended) The analyzer disk assembly of claim 51 including means for giving a noise signal when said cassette is securely engaged with said disk.

129. (Amended) The assembly of claim 51 including wells within said cavity for receiving one or more reagents.

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Applicant: Virtanen

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